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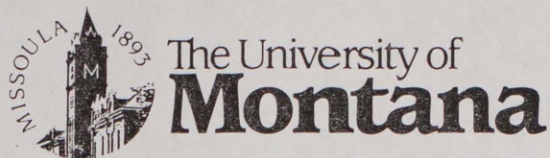
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'DISCOVERING LEWIS AND CLARK' SITE ADDS SEVERAL UPDATES

MISSOULA —

The United States is well into the second year of its bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and one of the best places to learn more about the Corps of Discovery is the "Discovering Lewis and Clark" Web site at www.lewis-clark.org.

Recent additions to the site are available by clicking on "New in April 2004." The updated material includes an exclusive interview with the late Stephen Ambrose, author of "Undaunted Courage." The interview, taped on July 20, 2000, is titled "The Corps of Discovery as a Military Unit."

Other articles added to the site include:

- The first chapters of "The Military Profile of the Corps of Discovery," which is funded by the Challenge Cost Share Program of the National Park Service.
- "Lewis' Medicine Gun," about the explorer's air gun. No one is certain who made it, but evidence suggests it might have been a repeater of the type adopted by the Austrian army in 1787.
- "Down the Ohio River," about Lewis and Clark's long, tedious journey down the Ohio during Aug. 31-Nov. 14, 1805.
- "A Soldier's Day, Circa 1803," which describes how most men in the Corps of

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Discovery were recruited from U.S. Army garrisons in Kentucky and Illinois. Here's what their lives were like before they volunteered for the expedition.

■ "Extra! A Postscript to 'Measuring the Falls of the Missouri,'" which asks why Clark measured the falls in such detail.

Joe Mussulman, a former University of Montana professor, leads a team that designs "Discovering Lewis and Clark," which now includes more than 1,300 pages and gets 27,000 hits a day. Mussulman said the site has been described by historians as the best source of Lewis and Clark information on the Internet. Designers periodically add an interpretive episode that delves into some aspect of the expedition.

The Web site went online in 1997 and is funded by a nonprofit corporation Mussulman created called VIAs. Look for new episodes at the site for several years to come.

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